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Grade 4 Reading

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Theme 2 Selection 4

“A Very Important Day”

Read the selection, “A Very Important Day”. Then, answer the following questions.

1. Why did the author title this selection, “A Very Important Day”?

- a) It is the first day of winter.
- b) The families travel by foot, bus, subway, and ferry to reach the courthouse.
- c) The day they become United States citizens is important to the characters in this story.
- d) It is the first time many of the families see snow.

2. According to p.252, what can we infer about the weather in India?

- a) It snowed everyday.
- b) It probably never snowed.
- c) It sometimes snowed.
- d) It snowed only in the winter.

3. According to p.253, what kind of person is Eugenia’s grandfather?

- a) shy and quiet
- b) fun-loving and happy
- c) old and grouchy
- d) distracted and worried

4. The families in this selection would most likely agree that

- a) the weather in the United States is too cold.
- b) riding a bus is the best way to get to the courthouse.
- c) they prefer their homeland over the United States.
- d) they are proud and excited to become United States citizens.

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5. The genre of this selection is realistic fiction. Realistic fiction means

- a) Realistic characters and events come to life in a fictional plot.
- b) A true story of the life of a real person.
- c) A made up story containing characters who can do magical things.
- d) An informational article written to teach the reader about a certain topic.

6. According to p.251, what does the word “bounding” mean

- a) to tie or fasten with bands
- b) required by law
- c) likely to do something
- d) a fast, easy leap

7. Which of the following would be a proper heading for the category containing  
India, Russia, Greece, Vietnam

- a) Types of food
- b) Names of countries
- c) Names of cities
- d) Last names of families

8. Why are complete strangers so happy for one another towards the end of the story?

- a) The judge said to shake each others hands and be happy for one another.
- b) They wanted to make some new friends.
- c) They understood how important this day was for everyone.
- d) They didn't know each other.

9. Why do you think the judge leads the new citizens to recite the Pledge of Allegiance?

- a) to show their pride and loyalty as U.S. citizens
- b) to formally begin the citizenship ceremony
- c) to find out if the new citizens learned the words to the Pledge of Allegiance
- d) none of the above

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### Open-ended Response

Tanya’s family reunion is an important day for her. Yujin’s citizenship day is an important one for him. What word or phrase could describe both Tanya and Yujin? Use at least one example **from each selection** to support your response.

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**Answer Key and Eligible Content**

<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Descriptor</b>	<b>Assessment Anchor</b>
1	c	Author’s purpose	R4.A.1.6.1
2	b	Inference	R4.A.1.3.1
3	b	Character	R4.B.1.1
4	d	Character	R4.B.1.1
5	a	Genre	R4.A.1.6
6	d	Multiple meanings	R4.A.1.1.1
7	b	Categorize/classify	R4.B.1.1
8	c	Inference	R4.A.1.3.1
9	a	Inference	R4.A.1.3.1
Open-ended		Connections	R4.B.1.2.1

**Open-ended Rubric**

**3 points**

demonstrates complete knowledge of making connections between texts by using a word or phrase to describe **both** Tanya and Yujin and by using at least one example from each selection to support the response.

**2 points**

demonstrates partial knowledge of making connections between texts by using a word or phrase to describe **both** Tanya and Yujin and uses one example from one of the passages to support the response.

**1 point**

demonstrates incomplete knowledge of making connections between texts by using a word or phrase to describe **both** Tanya and Yujin, without using any examples from either passage.

**0 points**

response provides insufficient material for scoring or is inaccurate in all respects.